MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS,

For calling a Convention to form a State Government.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives
of the United States in Congress assembled:

YOUR MEMORIALISTS, the Governor and Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Utah, respectfully represent that.

WHEREAS, our Territory is far remote from any other civilized portion of the American Union, surrounded by vast deserts or mountains, by which means nearly all communication with the national capital is cut off for many months in the year:

AND WHEREAS, our Territory is nearly doubling her population annually, leaving her at the present time but little, if any, behind the younger sisters of the Union in point of numbers, at the time of their admission into the Union as sovereign states:

THEREFORE, to lessen the foregoing difficulties—to advance the glorious principle of Republican institutions, or of self-government, and as the surest and most permanent basis of true liberty. Your Memorialists respectfully solicit your honorable body for the passage of an Act authorizing the inhabitants of this Territory, to call a convention to form a Constitution, and State Government, preparatory to taking her place beside her elder sisters in the Great Federal Union.

The early attention of Congress is earnestly solicited to this important subject, for which your Memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

W. RICHARDS,
President of the Council.
J. M. GRANT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

APPROVED January 14th, 1854.
BRIGHAM YOUNG,
Governor of Utah Territory